Blenheim Palace
Wednesday Dec.r 13.
1843

Sir/

Being here on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, your Letter dated the 8.th has just reached me —

I do not think my autograph is worth your having — but as you appear to be of a different opinion, I comply with your

Sonth (Sir Jas.)

Request — and am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

J. South

[illegible] ...agreed

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Obs. of Ken.
Monday Morn
March 3. 56

My Dear Mr. Callcott/

I return you your books which you were so kind as to lend me with many thanks and with kind regards to Mrs. Callcott and all your family remain

Yours very sincerely
J South

Sir James South, Astronomer

Observatory Kensington
Gore March 15.
1856

Sir J South presents his Compliments to the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society, and begs he will transmit by the Bearer who will pay for them, a dozen Copies of the Publication marked
"Royal Astronomical Society"
"Vol. XVI. February 8. 1856. No 4."

Sent Mar 17/ [illegible]

P[illegible] . 25

Astronomer

Sir J. South

Prof

Professor Moll

71 Great Queen Street

Lincolns Inn Fields

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J. South

SOUTH, sir James, astronomer; b. about 1785; originally a surgeon; a founder of Royal Astronomical Society, 1820; president, 1829; knighted, 1830; d. 19 Oct. 1867.

Sir J South
astronomer

~~the Prof~~

My dear Sir/

I have seen Mr Henderson who quits London on Wednesday, & he has promised to dine here to Morrow to meet you – We dine at Six precisely on account of Lady South's illness –

Yours very truly

J South

Obsy Kens. Monday Morning –

Observatory Kensington
Decr. 30th. 63

My Dear Sir/

I herewith return you the proof with my corrections, and I feel regret that you should have had the trouble of writing to me for it: I trust however will those answers fully plead my excuse for the delay.

With regard to "extra copies of the paper for circulation amongst my friends, I know not how many (if any) are allowed me by the Society; nor can I at present say, to whom I should wish to give copies, except that it is my intention to distribute them somewhat freely amongst the Members of both Houses of Parliament

On former similar occasions the matter was arranged between the printer and myself; and if

it met your approval I think it would save trouble, if it were adopted in the present instance.

Yours My Dear Sir
Very faithfully
J. South

To
William Sharpey Esqr M.D.
&c &c &c.

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President of Royal Astronomical Society

Obsy. Kensington
Wedy Morng.

Dear Sir/

I called yesterday at the Royal Institution but Mr Faraday unfortunately was from home -

I shall repeat my attempt to see him to day; but send you this to beg you not to remain at home, for he certainly will not be able to avail himself of your invitation to see the pieces of the lightning struck tree to day - Yours truly

J. South

To/
W. Harting Esqre &c &c

My dear Sir/

All my Chemical appara-
tus is yet dismantled, and I am in want of
some Alcohol as free from Water and loose acid,
as it can well be procured – Will you in case
you have any kind oblige me with a gallon of it –
if not will you tell me where I can procure
it?

Yours very truly
J South

Sir James South

Observatory Kensington
Nov.r 12. 1833

(Dear Sir)

I have this instant got these two Copies from the Printers, thinking you will like to see ~~an~~ the face of an old acquaintance & hoping that your Instrument will prove equally good, when it has been as severely tried –

Jones Wpost says he to boxes or traces – Woodhouses has not the former but has the letter – Jones thin dare say has told you how well it answers its purpose –

I Remain
Yours in great haste –
very truly
J Smith

Mr. Jones's Shop.
Charing Cross.

Capt Pindos has this Moment left the Shop – hoping however this will be gotten to him ere he leaves London
I have opportunity to say he here –

Monday Aug. 7. 1826

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A.L.S. 1 p., 4to. Aug. 7, 1826

To

The Revd Fearon Fellows

with a Memoir on the discordances
between the Suns Mr. [illegible] R.A.
by J South — Measures of [illegible] —

Mr South
May 7 1826

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Observatory Kensington

Aug. 5. 1846

Sir J South presents his Compliments to the Editor of the Athenaeum and encloses his Reply to the Attacks made on him in a late number of the Athenaeum by the Astronomer Royal -

Sir J South trusts that although from the nature of the Subject his Reply has exceeded a greater length than he had wished - yet that from the great importance of the Subject the whole may be permitted to appear in the next Number of the Athenaeum -

Sir James South

132 Sloane Street
Chelsea
Friday Morning Feby 10th 1826

Sir,

I have just received your Note, informing me (of what I certainly was not aware) namely, that my subscription was due to the Athenaeum some days ago; as yet, I have never seen a plan of its Rules or Regulations, nor have I been twice within the walls of its House; during the last Year & a half I have been on the Continent, and in a few Months shall return thither; as however it is my wish there to contribute to its funds whether at home or abroad, and as I am not at all ambitious of receiving the honor of having my name placarded, I herewith return your Letter authorising Messrs. Barclays to pay the Annual Subscription for me ~~[illegible]~~ now required, and also for such as I may incur during my future absence from England — perhaps you will have the kindness to send me by the post — a Copy of the Rules & Regulations of the Club — & which had I possessed, yours to me would have been altogether uncalled for

I have the honor to be
Sir your obedt. Servant
James South.

Sir Jas South F.R.S.

Worked with Sir John Herschel in his most important astronomical investigations

His brother was President of the College of Surgeons & equally eminent as a Surgeon of St Thomas's Hospital

For

— Magrath Esqre

Athenæum Club House

Waterloo Place

1826

James South Esqr.

Feby. 10th

Friday Evening –
Afternoon

My dear Sir/

Mr. Thomas Jones has Communicated to us the gratifying information that yourself and I hope now Capt. but Commander Ross will dine with us at Camden Hill on Monday next –

Our dinner hour is Six; but pray come out to us as much sooner as you can –

We have much to show you since your last dinner at Kensington –

Accept the hearty Congratulations of my Wife & Sister as well as of Myself on your return to your friends & believe me yours very truly &c

J South

Sir Js. South

Celebd. Astronomer

1785 - 1867

to Sir John Ross

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Sir J. South
Astronomer

Marienburg
60 Miles East of Berlin
Oct 8. 1832

My Dear Friend/

Perhaps this may be the last you may ever receive from me – This Morning at about 1/2 past 8 Coming into Elbing I was attacked with symptoms of Cholera – I thought at first a little warm tea would take it off & got into my Carriage to proceed toward Berlin – the pain however so rapidly increased that tho the Physician just after Carriage could be born – I have travelled [illegible] to this Place, in the most excruciating pain – my stomach as tense as a drum – [illegible] [illegible] the Physician [illegible] – & setting [illegible] I got to

has my books — Let me therefore
my dear Beaufort commend my wife
& my sister to your care, & take them under
your protection — In my portfolio you
will find my examination of Struves
instrument — duty to him requires it should
be published — do it therefore yourself &
any help you may want he will doubtless
give you — There is some reason & proba
bility that the King of Denmark has given
me a Clock for my observations — I should
think they must feel gratified could
in case of my death — that Clock should also
be given with the inscription that good
I believe resolved on — character probably would
be the best mode of doing this request — I would
wish my wife to have it & keep it as long as she lives

in the best room in the house — as to
my Instruments & every thing else they
are left at her entire disposal —
do not think myself entitled to give
them away to our government — do
therefore with them for her what you think
best — If she chooses to remain at Carlow
still & I should wish her to do so unless
it be particularly objectionable to her —
but I can write to her —
<u>Do not let her or any one</u>
<u>have the knowledge of the contents</u>
<u>of this letter</u> — I shall write
for by the next post — or if not
be intelligible you shall hear —
I shall be either well or dead
Kiss my wife & sister for
me — God Almighty bless you

Your probably dying friend
J Hall

I would have wished to have
told you of my resolution in Russia

DEATH OF SIR JAMES SOUTH.—We have to announce the death of Sir James South, F.R.S., at an advanced age. He was the son of a dispensing druggist who towards the close of the last century carried on business in Blackman-street, Borough ; but James South entered upon a higher branch of the medical profession, and became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. For some years he practised his profession in Southwark, and in the intervals of business pursued the study of astromony, in connexion with which he made some extremely valuable observations. In 1822 and 1823, in conjunction with Sir John Herschel, he compiled a catalogue of 380 double stars. After this he removed to Campden-hill, Kensington, where he constructed an observatory, to which he devoted the closest attention during the remainder of his life, and which has achieved an European fame. He was one of the founders of the Royal Astronomical Society, and was for a time its president. In 1830, on the recommendation of the Duke of Wellington, who was then Prime Minister, he received the honour of knighthood, and for several years past he has enjoyed a pension of 300*l.* a year on the Civil List for his contributions to astronomical science. The account of Sir James South's astronomical observations during his residence in Southwark is published in the *Philosophical Transactions* for 1825, and is accompanied by an interesting description of the five-foot and seven-foot equatorials with which they were made. One of these instruments is still mounted and in excellent condition at the Campden-hill Observatory. There are also in the observatory a seven-foot transit instrument and a four-foot transit circle, the latter celebrated as having formerly belonged to Mr. Groombridge, and as having been the instrument with which the observations were made for the formation of the catalogue of circumpolar stars which bears his name. Sir James South was born in 1785. Oct. 67.

eight months from the commencement of ... rate of 8 per centum per annum was declared, and 33,300 dollars ... ried to reserve fund.

The Second Report, covering the period of six months up ... ch of June, 1866, declared a dividend at the rate of 8 per centum per ... num. and the reserve fund was increased to 100,000 dollars.

The Third Report for the following six months declared a dividend ... at the rate of 12 per centum per annum, and increased the reserve ... fund to 175,000 dollars.

The last (Fourth) Report, covering the six months up to the 30th of ... June last, declared again a dividend of 6 per centum for the half ... year (or 12 per centum per annum), and, by carrying 75,000 dollars to ... the reserve fund, this was increased to 250,000 dollars.

These reports can be inspected at the London offices.

The centre of the operations of the Corporation being in China, it ... business is conducted under the direction and constant supervision of ... the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and the Court of Directors at Hongkong, in addition to which there is a thorough and searching audit for ... each half-yearly meeting, conducted by two gentlemen selected by the ... shareholders themselves for their known efficiency, and entirely independent of all control by the Directors.

The equivalent in sterling of a "paid-up" share of the Company's ... capital at the fixed par of 4s. 6d. per dollar is £28 2s. 6d., and the ... equivalent of the paid-up amount on the "new" shares is £5 12s. 6d.

Until further notice there will not be more than 5,000 "paid-up," and ... 5,000 "new" shares allowed to be placed on the London register, and ... shares once placed on the London register will not be transferable to ... the Hongkong register.

It being the repeatedly expressed wish of a very large and influential ... body of shareholders, resident not only in China and the East, but also ... in the United Kingdom and Europe generally, that a London register ... of shares should be established, in order that sales and transfers of ... shares can be effected and perfected in London in as inviolable a manner in all respects as heretofore in Hongkong, the Directors have complied with the wishes so expressed, and a London register has now been opened, and shares transferred. The Directors, upon such an important step being taken, have deemed it expedient to lay before the public in Europe this short summary of the constitution and position of the Corporation, in order that matters hitherto known only to shareholders may be made generally public, and the manager at the London offices will afford the fullest and most detailed information upon all matters connected with the Bank.

Under the provisions of the Deed of Settlement the Directors have ... about 2,000 "new" shares of 125 dollars each, on which 25 dollars have ... been paid up.

... shares will be offered at par, or £5 12s. 6d. per share, and the

SOUTH, SIR JAMES (1785-1867) Astronomer. A.L.S. to a friend. 3pp. 8vo.
Marienburg: October 8th 1832 £3/3/-.

Written on his way to Berlin. During the journey he became ill with enteritis and believed that he was dying. In this letter he leaves his wife and his sister to his friend's care and gives him instructions as to the disposal of his possessions. He refers to a clock which the King of Denmark had given for his observatory, and he wished his wife to dispose of his instruments. "Do not let her or any one have the knowledge of the contents of this letter".

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